

Town of Superior
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting Notes
April 13, 2016, 6:30 PM, Town Hall

In Attendance: Patricia Dunham (Vice-Chair) Matt Morris, Ken Lish (Chair), Shawn Samuelson, Joel White. Absent: Fiona Boger, Tracy Koller (excused). Quorum Present.

Others in Attendance:

Trustee Liaison: Rita Dozel

Town Staff Liaison: Allison James

Call to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. **Presentation** – A new Trail Crew Program concept was presented to the group by Town staff. The Committee was very receptive to the initial plan and voiced support for the program. Staff will continue to work on the program and provide updates and support opportunities to OSAC.
2. **Public Comment** – The following Public Comments are in regard to the proposed plan for the Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail which would link the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge in Commerce City to Rocky Mountain National Park via a trail connection through the northeast corner of Rocky Flats.
 - Anne Fenerty of 2085 Standford Ave. Boulder, CO 80305 was a member of the Department of Energy's Citizen Advisory Board for Rocky Flats in 2002 and has a M.S. in Chemistry. Ms. Fenerty addressed the Committee regarding her concerns and opposition to the proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail. Ms. Fenerty specifically mentioned concerns about children recreating on the site who are more sensitive to toxins.
 - Harvey Nichols of 4255 Chippewa Drive, Boulder CO 80303 is a Professor Emeritus of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and worked under a Department of Energy contract at Rocky Flats from 1975 through 1976. Dr. Nichols addressed the Committee Regarding his concerns and opposition to the proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail. Dr. Nichols suggests more thorough testing and investigation of the site for contaminants prior to any ground disturbance to verify that the construction of the trail will not release plutonium dust into the air.
 - Michael E. Ketterer of 20110 Sand Dollar Circle, Longmont, CO 80503 is a current Professor of Chemistry at Metropolitan State University of Denver and has conducted research on environmental radioactivity. Mr. Ketterer expressed to the Committee his concerns and opposition to the proposed Rocky Mountain Greenway Trail and suggests more thorough testing at the site for contaminants prior to any ground disturbances in Rocky Flats.
 - Jon Lipsky of P.O.Box 2492 Longmont, CO 80502 led the FBI raid on Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant in 1989. Mr. Lipsky expressed to the Committee his concerns and opposition to the Rocky Mountain Greenway and urges the

Committee not to participate in any project that involves public access or disturbing the soil at the Rocky Flats National Refuge.

3. **Discussion** – Rocky Mountain Greenway. The Committee discussed the proposed project trail alignment and the 2016 Rocky Mountain Greenway Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) Grant. The Committee made the following recommendation unanimously:

OSAC recommends that the Town Board elect not to participate in any Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) grant unless the Rocky Mountain Greenway trail is re-routed outside the perimeter of the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge. Further, with the potential adverse health impacts associated with the dangerous elements found at the Rocky Flats site, OSAC believes it is in the Town's best interest to work to ensure that the trail does not enter the Rocky Flats National Wildlife Refuge.

4. **Updates and Lookahead:**

- Superior Town Center – Staff reviewed the background on the project process to date. At this point Patricia Dunham left the meeting.
- Expedited Trail Construction – Staff is currently working on the RFP for design and construction management.
- Bus Rapid Transit Connection Trails – Staff reviewed the current status of the project with the Committee.
- PROSTAC's Coyote Ridge Public Outreach – Committee members who attended the meeting gave a brief overview of community discussion.
- Boulder County Connection at Meadowlark Trail – Boulder County will attend the next OSAC meeting to discuss this connection.
- Coal Creek Crossing Trail Construction - No new information.
- Arbor Day has been rescheduled due to an inclement weather forecast and will be held at Founder's Park on Saturday, April 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- OSAC member Fiona Boger resigned from her position on the Committee.

5. **Discussion** – National Trails Day Planning. The Committee continued to discuss plans for the event.